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HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS TWO MI-6 HOOK HELICOPTERS AT HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD.

2. LOCATION:

HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD IS LOCATED TWO NM EAST OF HA NOI.

3. BACKGROUND:

HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD IS ONE OF THE MAJOR AIRFIELDS IN NORTH VIETNAM. PRIOR TO 1940 A WELL-DISPERSED SYSTEM OF AIRFIELDS WAS CREATED BY THE FRENCH. THESE AIRFIELDS WERE LATER USED BY THE JAPANESE DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR THE FRENCH UNDERTOOK A GRADUAL PROGRAM OF AIRFIELD REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE VIET MINH OFFENSIVE, THE AIRFIELD ASSUMED AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ROLE AND FACILITIES WERE ADDED OR EXPANDED. WHEN HOSTILITIES CEASED IN JULY 1954 THE FRENCH REMOVED LARGE AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE HA NOI/HAI PHONG AREA AIRFIELDS BEFORE TURNING THEM OVER TO THE VIET MINH. SINCE THEN, AIR TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY COMMUNIST CHINA UNDER AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR COMMUNIST CHINESE AID IN ESTABLISHING AIR AND METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS

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IN NORTH VIETNAM. IN 1955, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED A CIVIL AIR ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS AT HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD.

PHOTOGRAPHY OF EARLY MARCH 1966 REVEALED HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD TO CONSIST OF A 6,555 X 90 FT NNE/SSW SERVICEABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY, INCLUDING A NEW 1,150 FT EXTENSION ON THE NNE END AND A 5,800 X 320 FT NW/SE SERVICEABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY. FACILITIES INCLUDED ONE HANGAR, NUMEROUS SUPPORT BUILDINGS, A WEATHER STATION, A POL STORAGE AREA ON THE NORTHWEST END OF THE NW/SE RUNWAY, AND SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT REVELMENTS WITH EXHAUST VENTS.

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5. REMARKS:

THE MI-6 HOOK CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY PASSENGERS, WITH NORMAL SEATING FOR SIXTY-FIVE PERSONS, OR A NORMAL CARGO CAPACITY OF UP TO TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND POUNDS, WITH A MAXIMUM RANGE OF SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILES.

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6. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS TWO NEWLY IDENTIFIED MI-6^{25X1}
HOOK HELICOPTERS AT HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD. OTHER AIRCRAFT OBSERVED CON-
SIST OF ONE CAMP, EIGHT CRATE, SIX CAB, EIGHT COLT, AND NINE MI-4 HOUND.
AT LEAST THREE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE PROBABLE MISSILE
TRANSPORTER, SIX LAUNCHERS (THREE IN A CLEARED AREA AND THREE ON A ROAD),
THREE SETS OF BOGIE WHEELS, SIX VANS, ONE PROBABLE VAN, AND SEVEN SA-2
CANISTER TRANSPORTERS ARE LOCATED IN THE BARRACKS AND MAINTENANCE AREA
AT THE NORTHWEST END OF THE NW/SE RUNWAY. OTHER VEHICLES IN THE IMMEDIATE
AREA INCLUDE THIRTY-TWO TRUCKS, TWO TRUCK MOUNTED CRANES, AND NUMEROUS
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

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HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD, NORTH VIETNAM
21-02N 105-53E



AIRCRAFT
1 CAMP
8 CRATE
6 CAB
8 COLT
2 HOOK
9 HOUND

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